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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kimikazu Kaneto et al.) Group Art Unit: 1722
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Application No.: 10/018,569) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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For: Die Molding Machine and Pattern)
Carrier Used Therefor)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add new claims 16 and 17.

16. (New) A method for molding a mold by compressing foundry sand disposed in a molding space defined by a pattern plate, subsidiary flask, and flask member, the method comprising the steps of

throwing foundry sand into the molding space,

preparatorily pressing the foundry sand,

pressing down the foundry sand in the molding space while at least said subsidiary flask is kept unable to go down, and

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